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For: NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES CODING FOR THE sigC GENE

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is:

ITEM(S)	FEE
• Claim for Foreign Priority with certified copy of German patent application no. 101 33 426.5.	N/A

Respectfully submitted,

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CLAIM FOR FOREIGN PRIORITY

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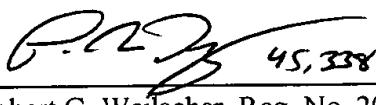
Under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 119, Applicants hereby claim the benefit of the filing date of German Patent Appln. No. 101 33 426.5, filed in Germany on July 10, 2001.

In support of this priority claim, Applicants submit herewith a certified copy of the priority application.

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